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SUBJECT: US DOT SECRETARY COLEMAN LETTER TO SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR TRANSPORT CAVAILLE
REF: PARIS 29030

1. ON NOV. 6, THE FRENCH EMBASSY FORWARDED TO SECRETARY
COLEMAN A LETTER FROM MARCEL CAVAILLE, FRENCH SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR TRANSPORT IN WHICH MR. CAVAILLE EXPRESSED SERIOUS
CONCERN OVER THE DELAY IN A DECISION REGARDING THE LANDING
OF THE CONCORDE IN THE U.S.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO
MR. CAVAILLE, FROM SECRETARY COLEMAN:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 6 CONCERNING CONCORDE.

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE DELAY IN THE PROCESS OF
REACHING A DECISION ON WHETHER TO APPROVE THE OPERATIONS
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SPECIFICATIONS THAT WOULD PERMIT THE LANDING OF CONCORDE IN

THE UNITED STATES. UNFORTUNATELY, ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND BY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES CONCERNED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. THESE ISSUES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE APPROPRIATE MANNER IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT I HAVE ALL THE

NECESSARY FACTS UPON WHICH TO MAKE A CORRECT DECISION.

THE CONCERNS RECENTLY RAISED ARE INTER ALIA THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT NOISE TESTS CONDUCTED AT HEATHROW AIRPORT AND THE ASSERTION THAT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FAILED TO ADDRESS CERTAIN BASIC ISSUES ADEQUATELY AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THAT THE CURRENT EIS SHOULD BE RELEASED AS A SECOND DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

FOR THESE REASONS I SIMPLY HAVE NOT BEEN IN A POSITION TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO RELEASE THE EIS AND TO DECIDE THE ISSUE OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS. I CERTAINLY PLAN TO HAVE THE MATTER RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS THE EVENTS UNFOLD. I REALIZE THE GOVERNMENTAL PROBLEMS THE DELAYS IN DECISION MIGHT CAUSE YOU, BUT I DO FEEL DUTY BOUND TO FOLLOW THE STATUTES AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CORRECT PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES ARE FOLLOWED IN REACHING A CORRECT DECISION BASED ON THE FACTS AND THE LAW, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE PUBLIC CONSIDERATIONS.

-- WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARD,
-- WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT TEXT TO MR. CAVAILLE'S OFFICE WITH STATEMENT THAT ORIGINAL LETTER WILL FOLLOW.
COLEMAN LETTER BEING POUCHED

4. IN MEETING WITH CAVAILLE (REFTEL) YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO BEAR IN MIND THAT HOUSE VOTE IS LIKELY THIS WEEK ON FLOOR AMENDMENT TO RENEWAL OF AIRPORT AND AIRWAYS DEVELOPMENT ACT WHICH HAS PURPOSE OF BANNING ENTRY OF CONCORDE. WE PLAN TO WRITE TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO OPPOSE THIS AMENDMENT, AS WE DID ON SIMILAR AMENDMENTS IN JULY. KISSINGER
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